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SUBJ: ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE

1. NORWEGIAN MISSION SENT A CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL
GENEVA MISSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 10 ASKING SUPPORT FOR
HAREIDE TO PRESIDE OVER ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE.
(THIRTY-ONE OF THESE MISSIONS HAD RECEIVED AN EARLIER
NORWEGIAN NOTE AT THE TIME WHEN JAPAN STILL WAS AN
ACTIVE CANDIDATE.) OSLO HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSIES
TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES IN CAPITALS. ONLY
RESPONSE THUS FAR COMES FROM INDONESIA, WHICH AGREED
TO SUPPORT HAREIDE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF JAPAN AND
INDONESIA ASSURED, THE NORWEGIAN MISSION
ESTIMATES THAT THERE IS NOW NO PROSPECT OF
ANY ASIAN COMPETITOR ARISING. NORWAY ASSUMES WEO
COUNTRIES WILL FALL IN BEHIND HAREIDE.

2. BEARING OUT THIS LAST ASSUMPTION EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES
IN MEETING WITH HOROWITZ SEPT. 13 (SEPTEL)
EXPRESSED THE GENERAL EXPECTATION EACH OF
THE 9 WOULD SUPPORT HAREIDE OVER HIS POLISH CONTENDER,
ALTHOUGH NO COMMON POSITION HAS YET BEEN ARRIVED
AT. HOROWITZ TOLD THE 9 THAT THE US WAS PREPARED
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TO AFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR HAREIDE, BUT HAD HOPED TO

BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE 9 IN DOING SO, AND HOPED THE POSITION OF THE EC-9 WOULD BE MADE KNOWN SOON. THE REASON FOR DELAY ON THE PART OF THE 9 APPEARS TO BE FALLING AWAY AS NONE AT THE SEPT 13 CONSULTATION HAD DETECTED THE PROSPECT OF ANY CANDIDACIES OTHER THAT THOSE OF NORWAY AND POLAND. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME IN PARIS HAD TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF SUPPORTING THE POLISH CANDIDATE, BUT GAVE IT AS HIS OWN ESTIMATE THAT FRANCE COULD BE EXPECTED TO STAND WITH THE 9. COMMENT: THE NORWEGIANS (CORRECTLY, WE BELIEVE) EXPECT THAT THE THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES THEY ARE APPROACHING WILL ASSUME THERE IS WEO SUPPORT FOR HAREIDE AND ARE NOT DIVERTING THEIR ENERGIES AT THIS POINT, THEREFORE, TO SECURING AN EXPRESSION OF EC-9 SUPPORT. THEY UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE US SUPPORT. END COMMENT.

3. A SOVIET MISSION OFFICER HAS ASKED TO CALL ON US SEPT 14 TO DISCUSS THE MARITIME CONFERENCE.CATTO

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